

December 9, 2003

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, December 17, 2003 - 4:00 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING TIME OF 4:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Refreshments and a light dinner will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 350-8865, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
December 17, 2003**

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. Information.
<p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Policy Committee requests an exception to this limit.</p>	

MINUTES

4. <u>Approval of November 12, 2003 Meeting Minutes</u>	4. Review and approve the November 12, 2003 meeting minutes.
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ITEM PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. <u>Proposed Election Authorization Legislation</u>	5. Information, discussion and possible action.
<p>At the November 12, 2003 Transportation Policy Committee meeting, discussion was held regarding policies needed for the extension of the one-half cent sales tax for transportation. On December 2, 2003, legislative staff shared the first draft of the proposed legislative language to grant authorization for an election to extend the tax. Several of the components of the draft bill were of concern, including: calling for a November 2, 2004 election instead of a May 18, 2004 election; changing the MAG Regional Transportation Plan to preclude sales tax funding in the first five years for light rail; not including the firewalls concepts as discussed by the TPC; granting approval authority to agencies other than the Regional Council for amendments to the Plan; changing the role and management of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee which did not agree with the role prescribed in HB 2292. Since December 2nd, several meetings have been held regarding the proposed legislation and an update will be provided to the members of the TPC.</p>	